

# **Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council Item ID 12067 Agenda Number 13.

Meeting Date: 1/26/2012 Department: Health and Human Services

### Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No.1 to the Agreement for Social Services with THE SALVATION ARMY, INC. to increase funding to provide for replacement of the air conditioning system, telephone system and plumbing repairs at the Women and Children's Shelter, in an amount not to exceed \$261,450 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,899,916.

# Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$261,450 is available from the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES PROGRAM (HHSP).

### Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On November 18, 2010, Council approved current operations contract for period of January 1, 2011 through September 30, 2013, with two 12-month renewal options.
	On January 12, 2012, the City Council authorized acceptance of \$408,235 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS and amended the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Operating Budget.
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Related Items:	
Additional Backup Information	

The City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) has contracted with The Salvation Army since 2001 to operate an emergency shelter providing social services to homeless women and their dependent children to aid in transitioning them from homelessness to self-sufficiency. This has been a very successful program in moving women with children (and single women) from homelessness into safe and stable housing. The Salvation Army provides the following services to clients: Emergency Shelter, Basic Needs, Case Management, Specialized Counseling Services, and Education.

The facility, located at 4523 Tannehill Lane in Austin, is owned by Travis County and provided at no charge to the City through an interlocal agreement.

HHSD staff has determined that, for FY 2011-2012, a portion of the Homeless Housing and Services Program funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs can be utilized for construction and rehabilitation of this facility.

This request is to amend the Salvation Army Women and Children's Shelter contract by \$261,450 for replacement of equipment, including replacement of critical plumbing, air conditioning and telephone systems. These repairs are crucial for the shelter to function efficiently and to effectively serve the women and children residing there. A new energy efficient cooling system could generate a 33% reduction in utility costs, and reduce wear and tear on the building. The new systems will also help improve the health of the children and adults served in the facility. Bids are being finalized for the project.

#### **Estimated Costs:**

\$150,908 – New Air Conditioning System with 30 upgraded A/C units and all related equipment

\$95,598 – Install/replace drain waste and vent pipes for showers, tubs, lavatories, toilets, floor drains, janitor sinks, drain risers in kitchen, and vent piping for washing machines

\$14,944 - Replace current PBX telephone system with new Panasonic TDE-100 IP-PBX Phone System including all peripheral and auxiliary equipment.

Total Estimated Cost: \$261,450

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Related Departmental Goal: Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Unduplicated number of adult and children residents who receive one (1) or more days of shelter: 315 Unduplicated number of adults and children who exit to safe and stable housing: 236 Percentage of adults and children who exit the shelter and move into safe and stable housing: 75%